

1 **In the Claims**

2 Claims 1-3, 6, 13, 16, 20, 23-25, 28, and 32-33 are currently amended.

3 Claims 4-5, 14-15, 21-22, 26, and 29 are canceled.

4 Claims 1-3, 6-13, 16-20, 23-25, 27-28, and 30-33 are pending and are listed  
5 below.

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7 1. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium having a  
8 tangible component and comprising processor-executable instructions configured  
9 for:

10 receiving a binary signature at a server computing device;

11 receiving a security patch at the server computing device;

12 identifying, from the server computing device, a vulnerable binary file  
13 located on a computerclient computing device based on the binary signature, the  
14 client computing device being remote from the server computing device; and

15 updating, from the server computing device, the vulnerable binary file  
16 located on the computerclient computing device with the security patch.

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18 2. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in  
19 claim 1, wherein the identifying a vulnerable binary file located on a  
20 computerclient computing device includes comparing a bit pattern of the binary  
21 signature against binary files located on the computerclient computing device, the  
22 bit pattern associated with a security vulnerability.

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24 3. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in  
25 claim 1, wherein the updating the vulnerable binary file located on the

1 ~~computer~~client computing device includes installing the security patch on the  
2 ~~computer~~client computing device from the server computing device.

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4 4. (Canceled)

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8 6. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium as recited in  
9 claim 1, wherein ~~the computer is a client computer and~~ the receiving includes  
10 receiving the binary signature and the security patch from a distribution server  
11 configured to distribute to the client ~~computer~~computing device, binary signatures  
12 that identify vulnerable files and security patches configured to fix the vulnerable  
13 files.

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15 7. (Original) A server comprising the processor-readable medium as  
16 recited in claim 1.

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18 8. (Previously Presented) A processor-readable medium having a  
19 tangible component and comprising processor-executable instructions configured  
20 for:

21 receiving a binary signature that identifies a security vulnerability in a  
22 binary file;

23 receiving a security patch configured to fix the security vulnerability in the  
24 binary file; and  
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1 distributing the binary signature and the security patch to a plurality of  
2 servers.

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4 9. (Original) A processor-readable medium as recited in claim 8,  
5 wherein the distributing includes:

6 sending a notice to each of the plurality of servers regarding the security  
7 vulnerability and the available patch;

8 receiving a request to send the binary signature and the security patch; and

9 sending the binary signature and the security patch in response to the  
10 request.

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12 10. (Original) A distribution server comprising the processor-readable  
13 medium as recited in claim 8.

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15 11. (Previously Presented) A processor-readable medium having a  
16 tangible component and comprising processor-executable instructions configured  
17 for:

18 receiving a binary signature from a server;

19 searching for the binary signature in binary files located on a client  
20 computer;

21 sending a request from the client computer to the server for a security patch  
22 if a binary file is found that includes the binary signature;

23 receiving the security patch from the server; and

24 updating on the client computer the binary file with the security patch.  
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1       **12.** (Original) A client computer comprising the processor-readable  
2 medium as recited in claim 11.

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4       **13.** (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
5 receiving a binary signature from a server and at a client computer;  
6 searching on the client computer for a vulnerable file based on the binary  
7 signature;  
8 if a vulnerable file is found on the client computer, requesting a security  
9 patch from the server;[[ and]]  
10 receiving the security patch from the server and at the client computer in  
11 response to the request for the security patch from the client computer; and  
12 fixing the vulnerable file with the security patch received from the server.

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14       **14.** (Canceled)

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16       **15.** (Canceled)

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18       **16.** (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the  
19 fixing includes installing the security patch on ~~a computer~~ the client computer.

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21       **17.** (Original) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the searching  
22 includes comparing the binary signature to binary information on a storage  
23 medium of ~~a computer~~ the client computer.

1           **18.**   (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the  
2 binary information is selected from a group comprising:

3           an operating system;  
4           an application program file; and  
5           a data file.

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7           **19.**   (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the  
8 storage medium is selected from a group comprising:

9           a hard disk;  
10          a magnetic floppy disk;  
11          an optical disk;  
12          a flash memory card;  
13          an electrically erasable programmable read-only memory; and  
14          network-attached storage.

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16          **20.**   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
17          receiving, at a scan/patch server, a binary signature and a security patch  
18 from a distribution server;

19          searching, by the scan/patch server, on a client computer for a vulnerable  
20 file associated with the binary signature; and

21          if a vulnerable file is found, fixing, by the scan/patch server, the vulnerable  
22 file on the client computer with the security patch.

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24          **21.**   (Canceled)  
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1           22.   (Canceled)

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3           23.   (Currently Amended) A computer comprising:

4           means for receiving, at a client computer, a binary signature from a server;

5           means for searching for a vulnerable file located on the client computer  
6 based on the binary signature;

7           means for requesting, by the client computer, a security patch from the  
8 server if a vulnerable file is found on the client computer[[ and]]

9           means for receiving the security patch from the server at the client  
10 computer responsive to the request for the security patch; and

11           means for fixing the vulnerable file with the security patch received from  
12 the server.

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14           24.   (Currently Amended) A server comprising:

15           means for receiving, at a scan/patch server, a binary signature and a  
16 security patch from a distribution server;

17           means for scanning, from the scan/patch server, a client computer for a  
18 vulnerable file associated with the binary signature; and

19           means for fixing, from the scan/patch server, the vulnerable file on the  
20 client computer with the security patch if a vulnerable file is found on the client  
21 computer.

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23           25.   (Currently Amended) A computer having a tangible component and  
24 comprising:

25           binary information;

1        a storage medium configured to retain the binary information;  
2        a scan module configured to receive a binary signature from a server and  
3 scan the binary information on the computer for the binary signature; and  
4        a patch module configured to request a security patch from a server and  
5 install the security patch from the server if the binary signature is found in the  
6 binary information on the computer.

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8        26.    (Canceled)

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10       27.    (Previously Presented) A computer as recited in claim 25, wherein  
11 the binary information is selected from a group comprising:

12       an operating system;  
13       an application program file; and  
14       a data file.

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16       28.    (Currently Amended) A computer having a tangible component and  
17 comprising:

18       binary files;  
19       a storage medium configured to retain the binary files;  
20       a binary signature; and  
21       a security patch module configured to receive the binary signature from a  
22 server and to scan the binary files on the computer in search of the binary  
23 signature[.];

24       a binary file that includes the binary signature; and

25       a security patch;

1       wherein the security patch module is further configured to request the  
2 security patch from the server upon locating the binary signature within the binary  
3 file, and to apply the security patch to the binary file that includes the binary  
4 signature.

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6       **29.**   (Canceled)

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8       **30.**   (Previously Presented) A distribution server having a tangible  
9 component and comprising:

10       a database; and

11       a distribution module configured to receive a binary signature and a  
12 security patch, store the binary signature and the security patch in the database,  
13 and distribute the binary signature and the security patch to a plurality of servers.

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15       **31.**   (Original) A distribution server as recited in claim 30, wherein the  
16 distribution module is further configured to receive a request from a server for the  
17 binary signature and the security patch and to distribute the binary signature and  
18 the security patch to the server in response to the request.

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20       **32.**   (Currently Amended) A server having a tangible component and  
21 comprising:

22       a binary signature associated with a security vulnerability in a binary file;

23       a security patch configured to fix the security vulnerability in the binary  
24 file;[[ and]]



1        a database embodied as a storage medium and configured to store the  
2 binary signature and the security patch;

3        a scan module configured to scan, from the server, binary files on a client  
4 computer for the binary signature and to update, from the server, the binary file on  
5 the client computer with the security patch if the binary signature is found,  
6 wherein the client computer is remote from the server.

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8        **33.** (Currently Amended) A server as recited in claim 32, ~~further~~  
9 comprising:

10        a database;

11        wherein the scan module is further configured to receive the binary  
12 signature and the security patch from a distribution server and to store the binary  
13 signature and the security patch in the database.